

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. : 09/973,447 Examiner : Jung W. Kim
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Respectfully submitted,

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TITLE OF INVENTION: NESTABLE SKELETON DECRYPTION KEYS FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

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LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

The Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation included in the notice of allowance mailed November 27, 2007 for the above-referenced application indicates the PTA is 954 days. This PTA appears to be longer than appropriate.

Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time. Any fees that may be due, however, may be applied to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

First, it is noted that there is a typographical error in the Examiner's reasons for allowance at page 2, paragraph 2, line 15: "fights management" should be "rights management". Furthermore, Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed.

Applicant does not concede that the Examiner’s stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims may be allowable for other reasons as well. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the limitations identified by the Examiner are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the Examiner does not assert, and Applicant would not concede, that the Examiner’s reasons have any bearing on the patentability of claims in any other applications directed to the disclosed subject matter.

In addition, each dependent claim stands on its own and is allowable on its own merits. In particular, each dependent claim may be allowable on the basis of a combination of some of the features recited in the dependent claim and its base claim(s), which combination of features may not include all of the limitations identified in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

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